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Re: *Shawn Murphy v. Fairbanks North Star Borough*  
Supreme Court Case No. 17530

Dear Counsel:

Justice Winfree has asked me to notify the parties of the following information.

First, he is a resident of Fairbanks and a payer of property taxes to the Fairbanks North Star Borough, which funds, in part, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. Second, his wife's brother, John Ringstad, is a registered lobbyist representing the North Star Borough School District's interests before the Alaska Legislature.

Justice Winfree presently intends to participate in this case, having preliminarily concluded that despite the foregoing information, his impartiality would not reasonably be questioned. *See* Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon 3.E.(1). However, at this point Justice Winfree is not aware of all facts and circumstances of this case and may be unaware of specific reasons that his impartiality might be called into question. Accordingly, he requests your positions on the matter. *See* Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon 3.F.

Any objection to Justice Winfree's participation in this case must be filed by **November 14, 2019**, with specific references to facts and legal authorities supporting his recusal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Montgomery-Sythe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ryan Montgomery-Sythe